

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Decision on Appeal dated March 30, 2010, within the two month period for response set therein.

In the Decision on Appeal, the prior art rejection of all claims was reversed, and a new rejection of Claims 51-55 and 57-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, was instituted by the Board.

The Board's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, was solely based on the Board's understanding of the application of precedent to the elements of Claims 51-55 and 57-59 presented in the means-plus-function form permitted by 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. While Applicant respectfully traverses the Board's reasoning, Applicant has amended Claims 51-55 and 57-59 herein to rewrite the claims to eliminate the means-plus-function language from the present claims. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 51-55 and 57-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is moot, and all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge such additional required fees to IBM Deposit Account No. **09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,

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